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Made All Around.Senate Expected to Attach
Numerous Provisions.Republican Leader Mann is
its Chief Opponent.WASHINGTON, May 23.—Brazil's entry into the war is regarded here as a question of days. Those who have watched South American development closely believe that the entry of the steamer *Tijucu* may provide the incident required to place the more pacific members of the Brazilian Congress in the list of those willing to vote for active participation against Germany.

President Bras asked Congress yesterday to revoke the declaration of neutrality and if Congress accepts his suggestion a formal declaration of war will follow immediately.

Brazil is in the first South American countries to sever relations with Germany.

"Brazil can only be in full alliance with the German diehards which was founded by such pure and exalted personages as Washington and Lincoln, and which now guided by a far-seeing and most illustrious President, who supported by the suffrage of his people has courageously taken up the defense of humanity," he said.

All the opposing votes were cast by Republicans, although there are some members on the other side who are strongly opposed to certain parts of the measure.

The bill, however, will be voted on May 26, when the House adjourns for the summer.

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Peace Effort, PROBABLY IN FEW DAYS.

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[HOT WIRE.]

should observe the rules of neutrality until they receive contrary orders.

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INCREASE SURTAXES.

Only four particular does the new bill differ substantially from the old. The first is a new one-fourth above the previous rate. Several articles, including paper and pulp and silver, slates for a 10 cent duty, have been kept on the same rate. Reductions in the case of mail matter rate have been made. A proposed 5 per cent on all advertising except book and periodicals is eliminated.

Clandestine love scenes on the Senate around the excess profits, the second-class mail rate increases. Business men generally are protesting vigorously against the bill.

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THE CITY
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For Martial Dead.

Stanton Post, No. 55, G.A.R., will hold memorial exercises tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock at No. 1816 South Figueroa street.

Botanists to Meet. A meeting of the botanical association of the Southern California Academy of Science will be held this evening in the music-room of the public library.

Memorial Services.

Services in memory of deceased members of the Bartlett-Loyce Post, No. 7, G.A.R., and the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in Patriotic Hall Saturday evening.

For Mississippi Meeting.

A special programme of music and addresses has been arranged for the meeting of the Mississippi State Society in the Times Assembly school building, tomorrow evening.

For County Registration.

An examination for the position of registrar at the County Hospital will be held by the County Civil Service Commission, June 11, in room 1007, Hall of Records.

On Bread Question.

A special meeting of the People's Consumers' League to discuss the bread question will be held at the Fairmount Hotel, Intermediate school building, Monday, and the lecture on Pyramids.

Edgar Lucien Larkin, director of the Mt. Lowe Astronomical Observatory, on Mt. Lowe, will lecture this evening in the Brack Shop assembly hall. His subject will be "The Pyramids," and the lecture will be illustrated.

An Appeal for Help.

Tablets, rugs, toys, an outdoor swing and many other articles are needed by the Queen's Daughters' Settlement, No. 204, Boyle street. Those who are unable to contribute are asked, in an appeal sent out yesterday, to send them to the settlement house, Saturday.

Closed for the Day.

The Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company's employees today will have their eleventh annual outing at Los Angeles. The meeting is at Sixth and Olive streets, the agency office at No. 845 South Olive street, and the accident agency office at 414 Story Building will all be closed for the day.

Chamber of Commerce Boost.

The Chamber of Commerce yesterday organized in the Times assembly rooms, next Monday evening. Hon. George W. Price will be the principal speaker. A toast to "Old Glory" will be given by Mrs. M. M. Smith, with a reading by Edgar Davies, and there will be patriotic songs led by H. J. Brubaker. A special invitation is issued to the Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada people to join in this rally.

Music.

ALAS, LOVE FLITS.

Soulful "Poem" to Another Man's Wife Is Introduced in Court, but the Writer, Being Absent, Escapes Hearing Alleged Details of Friendship.

Mrs. Margaret L. Bay was yesterday spared sensational testimony involving her alleged friendship with one G. F. Caire because the latter could not be served, and Judge Taft refused to hear the charges against her in the absence of the man in the case. But a poem was introduced which Mrs. Bay admitted having received. It was entitled "A Memory," and was dedicated to "Margaret Louise."

Mrs. Bay was granted a decree on the ground of desertion. Mr. Bay said he left her after a quarrel during which she slapped his face and broke his glasses.

"A Memory" is "some poem." A statement accompanying it says the lines "are for you only and from my heart, Bay."

The first verse recites: "You came into my life for one brief day. Gave me the laughter of your lips and eyes. Your hand in mine—then turned away. Yet left me these to memorize."

For Independent Ticket.

Dr. Alfred J. Downs and C. C. Pierce spent yesterday making a tour of the San Fernando Valley in the interests of their candidacy for the independent ticket, other members of which are J. H. Bean, Mrs. Cora B. Taylor, E. E. Cates and Charles J. McCormick, addressed numerous statements to the people, asking the support of the voters for the entire ticket at the polls on June 5 on the basis of an economical, efficient administration for the children of the city.

BORDWELL FOR
SALARY RAISE.

Denies Report that Teachers' Plea was Refused.

No Committee Requested His Views, He Declares.

Citizens' Ticket Strong for Recognizing Merit.

A report is being persistently circulated to the effect that Judge Bordwell, president of the Board of Education, has been waited upon by a committee of High School teachers for the purpose of ascertaining his views with respect to the increase of salaries of the High School teachers, as per petition presented to the board. These reports state that Judge Bordwell told the committee that not only is he not favorable to an increase of teachers' salaries, but that he has his way.

Judge Bordwell was asked yesterday if these facts were true. He replied: "They are absolutely false; they have no foundation whatever. Such a committee as the other committee has called upon me, I never told any committee nor any individual that I was not favorable to increasing the salaries of teachers. Obviously, these reports are not true, as they are to the effect to injure the campaign for the election of the so-called citizens' ticket, composed of Lucius K. Chase, D. K. Edwards, Lynn Helm, C. C. Parker, Charles E. Parker, Mrs. Parker and Miss Bessie Stoddard. There is no justification for the suspicion that any candidate on the citizens' ticket will be opposed to an increase of salaries where the same is properly deserved."

"It is well known that I am tremendously interested in the election of these candidates. These false reports are undoubtedly being circulated to give the impression that some candidate for whom I stand would oppose the increase of teachers' salaries."

"A petition on behalf of the teachers has been presented to the Board of Education asking for an increase in salaries. The petition states facts and presents arguments which make a strong case in support of the application."

"The petition is now under consideration by the board, and in due course of time will be voted on. The fact that the cost of living has recently been very materially increased will be given due weight."

"The salary for teachers for next year will be fixed by the present board, and not by the next board, which will take office July 1."

ROAD WOULD BE COSTLY.

The Harbor Commission yesterday reported to the City Council that the estimated cost of the road between Wilmington and Terminal Island would be \$223,984. The necessary work is to be performed, but it is believed that its building can be postponed for some time. The report was filed for future reference.

ONTELLIA'S "POEM" CHARGE.

Esteban Cuadillo is under arrest at Needles charged with violation of the Mann White Slave Act. It is alleged that he transported Gaudiano Ortez from Needles to various Mexican mining camps in Arizona for the purpose of prostitution. Cuadillo will be brought to Los Angeles today for arraignment.

BUSINESS BREVITIES.

(Advertising.)

For quick action drop answers to Times "Inliers." Times liner boxes are available on the market. The locations of the boxes are printed in the first column of The Times' "Inlier" section.

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PICKETT, Anna M., against Harry M.
HORN, Robert, against Minnie C.
WHITE, John, against Eddie, 16, and
FAY, 16.

DIVORCE DECREES GRANTED
BROWN, Jessie, 16, from Alta C.
CARRASCO, Cecilia, Los Angeles.
HARRISON, Frank C., Los Angeles.
LEARNED, Mrs. Alberta, Los Angeles.
PICKARD, Agnes, Los Angeles.

OFFICIAL DEATH LIST
Names and places of death of
persons reported to the
Los Angeles County Coroner
from May 1 to May 20.

DEATHS
BROWNE, At No. 1645 West Temple
St., Los Angeles, May 18, at 2 o'clock from
disease. Age 60.

BALMER, In Corinto, Ecuador, May 18,
from heart disease. Age 50.

BONNELL, Mrs. G. C., Los Angeles,
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Doomed to Die, Collie Scents Fire at Pound, Spreads Alarm, Wins Home.

"Fannie," a stray Collie doomed to take the gas route at the city pound, won life and a home for herself yesterday by her intelligence.

While Humane Animal Inspector Wilson was repairing his auto, the dog, which, because of evident refinement of breeding, had been given the liberty of the yard, dashed up to him, barked repeatedly, and pulled at his coat.

Inspector Wilson finally followed Fannie, only to discover the cookhouse in flames. The blaze was quickly extinguished.

Fannie was presented with a collar and a ribbon, and at the same time was designated official watchdog of the pound.

This evening there will be a meeting under the auspices of the Social Service Commission in the parish hall. The convention will continue throughout the day and evening tomorrow.

Tonight.

EMPIRE DAY PLANS.

Little Maids Representing all the Countries Now as War Against Kaiser Will Take Part in Elaborate Programme at the Gammet Club.

Four little Italian maids will represent Italy at the panoramas of the nations to be given at the Ebell Clubhouse, Eighteenth and Figueroa streets, this evening in honor of Empire Day. Four French maid will carry the colors of "La Belle France" and a quartette of Nippon maidens will carry the Japanese flag. The first to enter will be four children representing the Balkan colors. Then will come the representatives of Montenegro, to be followed by those of Russia, Belaria, France, and the other countries, each in elaborate costume on the stage in the order in which the nations now fighting Germany entered the war.

The affair in charge of the celebration is to be a memorable one, given by the fifty-two girls who will be in charge of Bert C. Smith, chairman of the committee, who is also in charge of the Coast Day.

Others who will assist are Miss Geraldine Mortimer, daughter of C. White Mortimer, His Majesty's Consul in Los Angeles; Mrs. E. Shaw, who will provide the refreshments, and Mrs. W. G. Hogg, who will handle the decorations.

The program of the Nippon maidens is the feature event of the evening's celebration. The affair will commence at 8:15 o'clock.

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The consuls of the different nations have been invited. They will be welcomed by C. White Mortimer, British Consul.

The affair will be a memorable event and souvenirs have been provided. It is expected the attendance will be large.

In the picture of the little girls on page 1 of this section they are, left to right: Top row, Martha Lloyd and Dorothy Lloyd; Second row, Dorothy Taylor, France; Lower row, Jean Evans, New Zealand; Kathleen Smith, United States; Frances Smith, Russia; Margaret Fletcher, Canada; Kathleen Barclay, Italy.

TAKES OWN LIFE.

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Ask President to Urge that Congress Act.

Patriotic Meeting to Occur at Noon Today.

Adoption of a resolution asking President Wilson to recommend to Congress as a national war measure prohibition of the sale of grain in making whisky and other liquors, and cussions over proposed changes in canons; changing convention meeting time from May to January; nomination of diocesan bishops; those were the principal features of yesterday's sessions of the twenty-second annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

The business sessions began yesterday morning at the hall of St. Paul's Pre-Cathedral. They were preceded by the annual convention communion service, conducted by Bishop Johnson. Clergy and laymen from all over Southern California were in attendance, and there were many spectators, both lay and clerical.

While Humane Animal Inspector Wilson was repairing his auto, the dog, which, because of evident refinement of breeding, had been given the liberty of the yard, dashed up to him, barked repeatedly, and pulled at his coat.

Inspector Wilson finally followed Fannie, only to discover the cookhouse in flames. The blaze was quickly extinguished.

Fannie was presented with a collar and a ribbon, and at the same time was designated official watchdog of the pound.

This evening there will be a meeting under the auspices of the Social Service Commission in the parish hall. The convention will continue throughout the day and evening tomorrow.

Tonight.

EMPIRE DAY PLANS.

Little Maids Representing all the Countries Now as War Against Kaiser Will Take Part in Elaborate Programme at the Gammet Club.

Four little Italian maids will represent Italy at the panoramas of the nations to be given at the Ebell Clubhouse, Eighteenth and Figueroa streets, this evening in honor of Empire Day. Four French maid will carry the colors of "La Belle France" and a quartette of Nippon maidens will carry the Japanese flag. The first to enter will be four children representing the Balkan colors. Then will come the representatives of Montenegro, to be followed by those of Russia, Belaria, France, and the other countries, each in elaborate costume on the stage in the order in which the nations now fighting Germany entered the war.

The affair in charge of the celebration is to be a memorable one, given by the fifty-two girls who will be in charge of Bert C. Smith, chairman of the committee, who is also in charge of the Coast Day.

Others who will assist are Miss Geraldine Mortimer, daughter of C. White Mortimer, His Majesty's Consul in Los Angeles; Mrs. E. Shaw, who will provide the refreshments, and Mrs. W. G. Hogg, who will handle the decorations.

The program of the Nippon maidens is the feature event of the evening's celebration. The affair will commence at 8:15 o'clock.

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TREND OF THE FINANCIAL NEWS.

At Home: Trading in United States Steel was the feature of the day on the New York Stock Exchange, and this great industrial issue seemed in insatiable demand, comprising 30 per cent of the total of 1,800,000 shares, all issues. Equipments and munitions moved upward with steel, and better prices all around were recorded, steel, incidentally, duplicating its high record, 129%, made in 1916. In the bond market strength of convertible issues were offset by easier tendencies in more representative descriptions.

NO OBJECTIONS.

And so North Island is to be condemned for army and navy uses? Well, the owner will not lose by it and, since Southern California will gain by it, nobody has any objection. Let the government proceed.

HE LOVES YOU STILL.

Considering the fact that all barbers' supplies have increased in price, if your tinsorial friend fails to brush as much soap into your mouth as he formerly did don't imagine that the slight is from any malicious motive—he is only looking out for his pocketbook.

NEWSPAPERS DOOMED?

"I'll wreck the power of the press in this city, so help me God, or I'll make it clean!" dramatically exclaimed Councilwoman Lindsey at a meeting of the Council for the purpose of discussing the billboard nuisance. Gadzooks and Oodibodkins! Also, by my halidom!

HARD TO ESCAPE.

Because a young man talked in his sleep, mentioning a crime which he is allowed to have committed years ago, he was arrested by local officials and will be held for trial. It seems that conscience, like certain well-advertised medicines, works while a man sleeps. Someone has said that character is what a person is in the dark.

D SERVES ALL HE GETS.

During the filming of a feature photoplay a Southern California motion-picture star sustained a dislocated shoulder, a sprained knee cap, a back sprain, a torn ankle and various other injuries, his surgeon's bill amounting to nearly \$150. A man who is willing to suffer like that for art's sake deserves all the financial remuneration he can get.

QUEENS AND BEANS.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland has dug up the roses and beans in her gardens and planted beans. The Times takes off its hat to Her Majesty. It wishes her a crop of the Boston luxury that, combined with a small but sufficient amount of pork, will enable her to sing: "I am the best of Europe's queens. I feed my friends on pork and beans; it's altogether above the means of Hohenzollern's consort."

THE WAILS OF CATS.

The Los Angeles "lady" who is a red-ink communication sought fame by calling the attention of the United States District Attorney to the fact that SHE is against American participation in the war and has said that President Wilson is "acting in the interests of Wall Street" has been outclassed by another "lady" living on an adjacent block, who decorates her garbage can with a small American flag and instructs her little son to pray for President Wilson by spelling mad dog backwards.

THE BOY IS WRONG.

The probation system was condemned in no uncertain terms recently by an incorrigible youngster who was brought before Judge Reeve. "This idea of letting kids go and having them report to some guy once a month is all bunk, judge," said the lad. Just the same, the boy is wrong. The Juvenile Court and the probation system have proved successful wherever they have been tried. Admitting that there are some youths who have no respect for their word of honor, the majority of young offenders need only a little kind treatment and a little hard work to keep them in the straight road. It is usually a sad mistake to treat the young delinquent as if he were an old and hardened criminal.

ANOTHER GERMANIC CRIME.

When all England was celebrating "America Day" and cousin love was dominant, a bright British orator had a glittering thought. England and America, he said, would have been united under one flag to this day if there had not been a wicked German King on the English throne in the bad old long ago.

He blamed the contemptible court squabbles of the third George's era, its self-righteousness, its petty tyrannies, for all the trouble. If, he said, there had but been a blue-blooded Englishman on the throne, with wide understanding and good sportsmanship prophecies, John Bull and Uncle Sam would never have fallen out.

Thackeray declares George III to have been a dull bigot, held tightly in the reins of his German mother's prejudices and hatreds. A dull lad, brought up by narrow-minded people, the cleverest tutors in the world could have done nothing to expand that small intellect." They might have improved his tastes, which were execrable; but they could not teach his perceptions any generosity."

THE PEST OF LITIGATION.
Pathos and bathos continue to move side by side. Not even the menace of the darkest days in our history is sufficient to stop the petty bickerings that fill the calendar of our courts with trivial suits and delay the hearing of important cases until "speedy justice" is possible only outside the law.

Perhaps the first cause rests with the State Legislature, which passes, every session, enough laws to fill several thousand pages of new codes. Most of these laws are trivial in their nature and are passed in the payment of political debts. Then comes the charge of the ambulance chasers and the police court shysters. Causes for action are found in the most petty details of private life. Some are so trivial that the attorneys who present them in court should be disbarred. Injuries wholly accidental or illusory are advanced as causes for suits for damages. Two women quarrel over one man, the one that loses brings a suit against the other for alienation of affection.

Two schoolgirls in the primary grades were playing in a Pasadena school yard recently. A few days later one complained of pain in her shoulder. A physician said that the shoulder blade was fractured. Then came a suit for \$25,000, brought by one playmate against another for alleged malicious injury.

Two music teachers, each self-supporting, decide to wed and to open a studio. The male biped becomes enamored of their landlady and forgoes the home nest. The female biped brings suit, not against the husband, who isn't worth suing, but against the landlady, who is reputed to be possessed of some property.

Applying for a position, a man gives his former employer as reference. The ex-employer says that the applicant is careless about money matters, failing to pay his debts. Suit is brought for \$20,000 actual and \$20,000 exemplary damages against the ex-employer.

A boy is arrested for theft and lays the blame to a photo-play which he had seen. A social worker promptly brings suit for \$50,000 damages against the motion-picture company.

The secretary of a woman's club seeks re-election. Another member of the club receives a letter asking her not to vote for the secretary as the writer does not consider her a fit person for the place. There was nothing to justify a suit for libel, but action is begun, asking for \$10,000 exemplary damages.

An agent offers to sell a tract of land; another agent offers a prospective purchaser that the land is in the alkali belt. The first agent brings suit for damages, asking \$5000 as the commission he might have received in making the sale and \$10,000 for exemplary damages.

An electric car stands at the foot of a grade. An auto skids and hits the car, smashing up the machine. Damages are promptly asked in the amount of \$10,000; the allegation is made that the motorman should have seen the car skidding and moved out of the way.

This list could be continued almost indefinitely. Some of the suits are for hundreds of thousands of dollars, others for minor sums. But each must be heard on its alleged merits. The time of the court is consumed; other cases on the calendar must wait and the administration of justice is delayed until witnesses in important suits die of old age.

Administration of justice becomes yearly more complicated and more expensive. In twelve years the number of Superior Courts in Los Angeles has doubled; yet the present court calendars are worse clogged than those of twelve years ago. The chief culprit with attorneys who take cases on contingent fees, often with blackmail in view. A suit is trumped up for the purpose of offering in court some compromising bit of evidence. The victim is then told the case can be settled for a fixed amount. Other attorneys bring hopeless suits for the sole purpose of getting their names in the papers and, perhaps, in the papers.

Complaints against complicated codes go to the Legislature every session; the only result is further complications. This is but natural. In the last Legislature thirty-six of the eighty Assemblmen were members of the California bar; most of them were of the police court variety. Every member of the Judiciary Committee was an attorney. One would scarcely expect a body so constituted to pass any legislation that would tend to lessen litigation. One remedy suggested during the session was an amendment to the Constitution providing that no member of the California bar could serve as a member of the Legislature. The situation is becoming so intolerable that rigorous action of some kind is imperative.

THE STATUS OF THE CONSCRIPT.

The words "conscript" and "draft" seem to go against the American grain.

Yet as a matter of fact the men who come under this designation have reason to be proud of the fact that they have been selected as those best fitted to fight the battles of the country. In a democracy it is an honor to be chosen for service to the country, and the men who find "conscription" a hard pill to swallow should remember that their selection is the outcome of their physical and mental ability to undertake the service required of them. These men are our chosen protectors, selected from their fellows on a carefully-investigated physical and mental qualities. There should be pride that they are able to fill the requirements, that they are such sound, capable, able-bodied specimens of the race that the protection of the country can be guaranteed and their gratitude and affection of their country.

Conscription is not so much compulsion as permission to serve. It does not leave the safety of the country in those hands who have the time, opportunity, as well as the desire to volunteer, but makes it possible for every young patriotic man to join in the great work. Actually conscription is more thoroughly democratic than the volunteer system. When we can properly realize that conscription is merely a method of giving the country the chance to make the very best selection for its purposes, much of the sting is taken out of the word. Your conscript army represents the best young manhood of the land.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WORLD.

One of the minor inconveniences of the great war is its interruption to some extent of that world communication to which the inventions of the later years have accustomed us. One hundred years ago a fast-sailing ship was thirty days in carrying news of the treaty of peace from London to Washington, and then a special messenger from Washington to New Orleans, with every facility for rapid travel, took nineteen days to make the trip and advise Gen. Jackson that a treaty of peace with England had been signed, weeks before Old Hickory and his rascism had defeated Pakenham and his veterans.

Eighty-five years later Gen. Miles in Porto Rico stopped his army on the firing line on receipt of a message from Washington that an hour before Spain and the United States had signed a protocol suspending hostilities. The surrender of the Spanish forces in Cuba was known in Washington fifteen minutes after it occurred.

Ninety years ago there was not a mile of steam railroad on the earth; now there are enough miles to encircle the globe many times. Seventy-three years ago Morse flashed between Baltimore and Washington the first telegraphic message, "What hath God wrought?" Fifty-nine years ago the eloquent Col. Baker said: "Thought has bridged the Atlantic and cleaves its unfettered way across the deep, winged by the lightning and guarded by the billow," and two days afterwards, when the agent of the Associated Press, grown impatient

Will He Do It?



WAR PROHIBITION.

BY PROF. ROCKWELL D. HUNT.
Conservation of food supply has suddenly become the paramount issue in the United States. Frugality, thrift, economy in the home and everywhere have ceased to be mere optional personal virtues and have come to be tests of patriotism and loyalty to the government. So vital has become the issue that the President of the United States has named a Food Administrator with practical dictatorial powers.

Conservation of food supply means to produce more and better food for consumption—but it also means stopping the leaks.

One of the biggest leaks has been and is the wasteful consumption of huge quantities of grain to train the manufacture of drink that diminishes man power—and man power is the supreme need of the hour.

The demand is for prohibition during war. "This is no sentimental demand—not religious, nor even moral," says Dr. Allen Rogers of the American Chemical Society: "it is the demand of the nation's chemists, based upon scientific analysis."

War prohibition is distinct from other forms of prohibition in that it is a temporary measure, whereas it will stop a big and absurd leak, while at the same time it will indefinitely enhance human efficiency.

If the great American contest for a better humanity means universal service, if the call is for the consecration of all there is of all the people, then some of the people must not be permitted to defeat that high and noble purpose by manufacturing and dispensing the drink that undermines economy and deafece-

HITS AND MISSES
BY OTHER PAPERS.

The Sun Mystery.

[Charleston, N. C., and Courier.] The British fleet is known in Britain as "the Silent Service." The American fleet is earning the right to share the title. Nobody knows what our warships are doing, but everybody knows they are on the job.

Victory Over America.

[New York World.] While some timid souls are shivering at the thought of a German invasion, suggested by eminent alarmists and amateur experts, Joffre and Vivian have captured the West, taken New York by storm and carried Boston and Canada.

Where Attention is Most Needed.

[Philadelphia Ledger.] It is natural that with the historic precedent of the Monitor of Ericsson in mind the attention of all inventors, and the millions who are not, should turn to the immediate possibility of some amazing contrivance of human ingenuity that will meet and solve the menace of the U-boats.

Disturbing the Clocks.

[Ohio State Journal.] The relation of man to the sunrise is not so easily altered. He will get up at the same old time, whatever the clock says. The time-limit on labor is not going to be changed by a fiction. But the only thing we look at is this, that changing the clock will give us two times, the legal time and the railroad time, and there will be a good deal of confusion, since the railroad time will remain, and staying at home by one time and traveling by another is certain to bring about a collision at important moments.

Found Raffle in Boston.

[Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.] Joseph's brief visit to the center of American pronunciation probably attested for the French he heard in Chicago.

Suggests Good Health.

[St. Paul Pioneer Press.] Drafts do not cause colds, Dr. William Brady says, and the government should go a step farther by adopting conscription to combat cold feet.

What has become of the

Newly Wed who, having had

cock book that a chicken could

be basted on it. Necessary

to be compelled to bid in the

Verdict of the jury. \$7500; Su-

per Court costs, \$1720.20; costs of

service, \$131.10; costs of writ of ex-

amination, \$1.25. The story of the

which was set out outside

the name of the star of Berlin and other "romances."

Hogs are quoted at a price

of \$15 a hundred pounds

there are some in this time

could, with appreciable

placed on the bargain counter

much smaller figure.

A mighty chapter in the

of this nation is being written

day. How would you like to

for about five years and one

to see how everything has

been?

President Lovett of the San

Pacific Railroad will file a

Cross. With the railroad

and reversed, Attorney Alderson

for re-hearing, which

left for a President in

the Supreme Court affirmed the

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Open the Lobster Palace.

[New York World.] One of the

food-savvies maxims published by

the British Food Ministry is as fol-

lows:

"Rich people who make their din-

ner a good meal are good pa-

tronists. The rich man who eats neck

of mutton and bread is not

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Neutrality Trial.

LAWYERS HOLD CASE IS FLAT.*Argument to Dismiss Charge Nearing an End.**Indictment Branded Faulty in Many Ways.**Court may Render its Decision by Noon Today.*

Arguments upon motions to dismiss the charges against Baltazar Aviles and five other defendants on trial in the Federal Court accused of conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws, consumed all of yesterday and indications were that they will not be completed before noon today. Judge Harrington may then decide at once whether the case shall proceed.

Attorneys W. J. Hunsaker and Lettow Edwards supplemented the argument made by Attorney Lawyer in support of his motion for the dismissal of the charges against W. K. Bowker and Harry Chandler. Mr. Hunsaker dealt particularly with the law as it applies to the violation of a conspiracy charge and went further into the discussion of the legal construction of "the people of a foreign country."

The indictment charged the defendants with conspiring to hire and arm men in the United States for the purpose of taking them into the northern district of Lower California, where they were to enlist in the military service of the government of Lower California.

Attorney Hunsaker cited many high court decisions to support his contention that there was no government in Mexico at the time the indictment was filed. The table of contents of the trial record indicated that Gov. Canta was in charge thereof, and Baltazar Aviles had no intention of taking men there to enlist in the services of Gov. Canta.

Attorney Edwards carefully reviewed each of the overt acts enumerated in the indictment and declared that the acts mentioned in no way connected either W. K. Bowker or Harry Chandler with them. He said it would be difficult to imagine a conspiracy trial in which no material evidence had been presented, as far as Messrs. Bowker and Chandler were concerned.

Attorney Dudley Robinson, representing Mr. Arthur Sandover and Ayres, made a motion identical to the one of Attorney Lawyer and, in going over all the testimony submitted by the government, he declared nothing had been shown which would connect his clients with the alleged conspiracy.

Attorney Gould spoke on behalf of Charley Gunman, whose name had been mentioned very few times during the trial, and declared that the charge against him be dismissed upon all of the grounds contained in the original motion.

Assistant United States District Attorney O'Connor replied. He cited numerous decisions in support of his contention that the indictments were not faulty and declared he believed the government had good grounds for prosecuting the defendants.

This morning Mr. O'Connor will take up the separate counts in the indictment. He expects to complete his work when attorney for the defense had been permitted to answer him.

Terroristic.

A REST FOLLOWS CUCUMBER WAR.*JAPANESE SCATTERED POISON, GRAND JURY CHARGES.*

Refusal to Enter Growers' Association Alleged to Have Resulted in Reprisal by Director of Body. Subpoena Books and Officers of Organization.

H. Kanzaki, a Japanese director in the Signal Hill Cucumber Growers' Association, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of having scattered poison which it could be eaten by the stock of A. and J. Kato, wealthy Japanese produce growers of Signal Hill, near Long Beach.

Kanzaki, who had been arrested after a long shot by Capt. Hunter of the District Attorney's office. He was placed in the County Jail while the county grand jury was examining witnesses in connection with the investigation of the destruction of 15,000 bushels of cucumbers and produce and stock on the Kato ranch during the past month.

The grand jury has subpoenaed the officers of the Japanese association, also the books.

Kato alleged he was threatened with death unless he agreed to enter the association and abide by its decisions. But he preferred to remain independent, particularly as he had peculiar soil and location that made it possible for him to get the earliest cucumbers.

DEATH SUDDENLY IN EAST.

E. Irwin Ham of No. 115 South Hellertoppe avenue has received word that his sister, Mrs. Frank Hayward, died suddenly at her home in Hancock, Wis., day before yesterday. She was 70 years old.

He's Positive.

MAYOR CERTAIN WE'LL GET NEW ARMY TRAINING CAMP

MAYOR WOODMAN yesterday declared emphatically that Los Angeles will have the new army training camp, one of the three to be established on the Pacific Coast. He stated that it was impossible for the people of the city to give him any definite information along this line, but stated that the source of his knowledge was so authoritative that he was willing to make the statement.

Just which site has been determined is not known, but it may be in San Fernando Valley, not far from Newhall tunnel; on the Dominguez ranch, between Los Angeles and the harbor, or on the Baldwin ranch at Santa Anita. All of these locations have been visited by army officers, and have been considered in a favorable light. Any one of them meets requirements.

"There will be a camp of 40,000 men in the encampment," said Mayor Woodman. "This will mean a payroll of more than \$200,000. In addition to that, it will mean expenditures by the government of more than \$1,000,000 a month among the local merchants."

The location of the post here will be just one more reason for the location of the camp, as the one which is being considered in every plan that has to do with Pacific Coast government affairs," concluded the Mayor.

BAKERS STILL UNDER INQUIRY.*Grand Jury Continues to Hear Witnesses Against Men Recently Indicted.*

Further evidence against alleged violators of the State antitrust law was secured yesterday, when several persons introduced before the grand jury documents in writing concerning the efforts of certain bakers to perfect an alleged barrier against which the retailers were powerless to reduce the price of bread from 15 cents the loaf.

The necessity of examining additional witnesses arose, it is reported, from the same condition that had forced the original action.

Trainmen Vote.*(Continued from First Page.)*

first article on the list, which is to follow the coming of the men from the co-operative board, representing all the unions, instead of dealing with such union as a unit.

The company's refusal to do this is the result of the pressure of work matters between the company and the engineers are to be adjusted than on dealing with the engineers' representatives and not with the company, but the coming of representatives of firemen, trainmen and switchmen, holding that it is impossible to deal with a joint board unfamiliar with the specific problems that might arise in a particular branch of the service.

Southern Pacific officials are astounded that any attempt to force a settlement at this critical juncture in the nation's war will be made. The table of contents has been conducted with the utmost secrecy.

THE GRIEVANCES.

The following is a verbatim copy of the grievances outlined on the official referendum ballot:

"Refusal of the Southern Pacific to meet the co-operative board; disregard for the minimum day rule for conductors and trainmen in both freight and passenger service; disregard of rules governing assignments of conductors and trainmen; disregard for the Chicago agreement with respect to increase in passenger mileage for conductors and trainmen; disregard for Federal legislation affecting all members of the train service; disregard for continuous time rule governing engineers and firemen; company claiming right to relieve crew on route and deduct time used up, except that crews will be protected under 'held for service' rules; disregard for rules governing bulletin of runs for engineers and firemen and assignments thereunder; disregard of settlements on cases 6 and 7, so far as the section of 1913 which provides, (1) to promptly replies to all correspondence by officials of the company, and (2) that the adjustment of any case could serve as precedent for any adjustment of similar cases. This vital adjustment of all men in engine, train and yard service.

"The foregoing matters are submitted for your serious consideration and you are hereby instructed to express your wishes by means of the attached ballot indicating to whom you desire to accept the decisions of the company as outlined herein, or whether you will support the contentions of your representatives to the extent of withdrawing from service and going on strike, if necessary, to achieve a favorable settlement to the end that the basic principle of existing schedules may be restored."

UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.

There are telegrams at the main office of the Western Union for Frank C. Armstrong, Bishop of W. F. Burkhardt, Bishop of St. Paul, Sr. Marcialdo Castro, Mrs. Blanche Dooley, Claudie Dick, Mary Jones, Charles Mueller, Jr., William Phelps, L. Pedell, C. A. Peacock, J. F. Parsons, E. F. Preston, Mrs. Ruth Postal for R. H. Green, Miss E. Harned, Miss Ruth Preston, Percy Stalling, Miss Roey Stratton, Mrs. Elsie B. Cunningham, Cables for Peidman, Mrs. F. L. Sherman.

"POET" ALUMNI MEETING.

The Polytechnic Orchestra of forty pieces will furnish music for the "Poet" alumni jollification reunion banquet at the school tomorrow evening.

The program will be John Beck.

Alumni Glee Club, Richard Morgan,

Thomas Reynolds, Earle Wood,

Mervin Wood, Boys' Gym Club and

Norman Gould.

Those handling the affair are Rubin Jaffa, Tom Tracy,

Donald Durkin, Steve Slocum, Lucy Harpe, Bernice Jackson, Ruth Siderly, Harry Lee, Victor Hecht, Mae Carrell and Norman McPhail.

The officers of the Alumni Association are Jack Clarke, president; Ralph Haney, first vice-president; Sam Schatz, secretary; second vice-president; Rubin Jaffa, secretary, and Victor Hecht, treasurer.

He's Positive.

MAYOR CERTAIN WE'LL GET NEW ARMY TRAINING CAMP

FORWARD.**MANY GERMANS REGISTER HERE.***Alacrity Shown in Responding to Executive Order.**Find Many Aliens Living Near Airplane Factory.**Disinterred Wins Praise of Federal Marshal.**Alien enemies are showing alacrity, United States Marshal Walton stated yesterday, in complying with President Wilson's proclamation of April 6, requiring the registering with the Federal authorities of such persons residing within a half mile of a fort, camp, arsenal, wharf or other government works or yards.*

It has not been generally known that the order related to aliens residing within a half mile of wharfs or docks, but supplementary instructions received yesterday by Marshal Walton shows that such is the case. This will make it necessary for aliens living within the prohibited distance of the wharves and docks at Long Beach, San Diego, and Los Angeles Harbor to register just the same as those who live within a half mile of a fort, arsenal or government yard where ammunition, airplanes, etc., are manufactured or stored.

The proclamation covers all aliens within the interdicted distance of the United States barracks at Alcester and at Long Island, San Diego, where the airplane station or school is located, and elsewhere in the vicinity of San Diego. The Glenn Martin airplane factory, No. 925 South Los Angeles street, and the Armory at Exposition Park. The rendezvous of the troops at Arcadia and the surrounding unincorporated district, but the great bulk of the applicants for permission to live within the zone will come from other localities.

US TO WASHINGTON.

Another feature of the government plan not generally known is that applications for permits must pass muster of the United States Marshal and the United States District Attorney here before being sent to the War Department at Washington for final approval. It may therefore happen that applications for permits will be sent to the national capital for there is a mass of information in possession of the alleged activities of pro-Germans in this city and vicinity. If there is anything in the records there against any application such fact will be a refusal of the petition, no matter if the local officers had passed favorably on the application.

Marshal Walton made the following statement yesterday: "There have been more than 100 applications for permits so far filed, and some have been passed on by the District Attorney and myself. There have been sent on to Washington. The greatest number have come from residents in the vicinity of Glenn Martin's airplane factory on South Los Angeles street, more than twenty-five persons having in that vicinity being affected by the order."

MANY PATRIOTIC.

Mr. Walton stated further that he has been impressed by the patriotic spirit shown by many of the applicants. In a number of instances the aliens were parts of families, the other members of which had been naturalized. These aliens evinced a most commendable spirit in the matter, declaring that they were Americans in spirit if not in law, and that while they had no memories of the Fatherland, they intended to make their home in America, and were willing to abide by the law if even to do so was to turn their backs on Germany, the land of their birth.

The marshal further stated that there had been no semblance of trouble with the rank and file of the local German population, who, in view of any branch of the neutrality law, and that the few alleged violations were by irresponsible men who were either looking for a bit of publicity or ought to be in some element of existing schedules may be restored."

UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.

There are telegrams at the main office of the Western Union for Frank C. Armstrong, Bishop of W. F. Burkhardt, Bishop of St. Paul, Sr. Marcialdo Castro, Mrs. Blanche Dooley, Claudie Dick, Mary Jones, Charles Mueller, Jr., William Phelps, L. Pedell, C. A. Peacock, J. F. Parsons, E. F. Preston, Mrs. Ruth Postal for R. H. Green, Miss E. Harned, Miss Ruth Preston, Percy Stalling, Miss Roey Stratton, Mrs. Elsie B. Cunningham, Cables for Peidman, Mrs. F. L. Sherman.

"POET" ALUMNI MEETING.

The Polytechnic Orchestra of forty pieces will furnish music for the "Poet" alumni jollification reunion banquet at the school tomorrow evening.

The program will be John Beck.

Alumni Glee Club, Richard Morgan,

Thomas Reynolds, Earle Wood,

Mervin Wood, Boys' Gym Club and

Norman Gould.

Those handling the affair are Rubin Jaffa, Tom Tracy,

Donald Durkin, Steve Slocum, Lucy Harpe, Bernice Jackson, Ruth Siderly, Harry Lee, Victor Hecht, Mae Carrell and Norman McPhail.

The officers of the Alumni Association are Jack Clarke, president; Ralph Haney, first vice-president; Sam Schatz, secretary; second vice-president; Rubin Jaffa, secretary, and Victor Hecht, treasurer.

He's Positive.

MAYOR CERTAIN WE'LL GET NEW ARMY TRAINING CAMP

Public Service—City Hall, Courts*At the City Hall.***JOB FOR COPS ARE PLENTIFUL.***APPLICANTS DESIRED BY CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.**At Least Forty Men are Needed to Fill Present Vacancies—Low Salaries are Blamed for Lack of Interest in the Work by Those Already Covering Beats.**Times are changing. Not so many months back the list of applications for getting on the police force was long enough to resemble an eligible army roll call. The high cost of living has been a factor in changing conditions, according to members of the force, which partly explains also the difficulty the Civil Service Commission is having to find eligibles for the work.*

The commission yesterday advertised for four more men. At least four times the number of applicants should be expected for the examinations under ordinary conditions. It is doubtful, however, whether there will be more than half that number.

*At the Courthouse.***SURVIVOR WINS ESTATE BATTLE.***JOINT TENANCY ENDED WITH DEATH, COURT RULES.**ABOUT THE COURTS.**PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT.**GRANTED DECREE.**MILDRED D. BRACKEN, an actress, Mil-**dered D. Bracken, was granted a decree of**divorce by Judge Taft yesterday.**In former suit Mrs. Bracken was de-**nied a decree. It is alleged that**Mr. and Mrs. Bracken quarreled**over the latter's determination to**go on the legitimate stage instead**of posing before the cameras.**Judge Shenk yesterday denied the**suit of John A. McCarthy, ad-**ministrator of the estate of Anna Like,**against Mabel Lewis, to set aside a**deed covering a joint tenancy, in fa-**vor of Mrs. Lewis. The evidence was**that Mrs. Like owned property in**the Menlo Park tract, but died in**1915. It was established that she died**back to her and her niece, Mabel**and Mrs. Lewis, both of whom were**in common with right of survivor-**ship.**Mrs. Like died in May, 1915; her**deed was established that the pro-**perty was held in joint tenancy**in common with right of survivor-**ship.*